WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An in-ground trampoline, comprising:

a segmented retaining wall.

2. The in-ground trampoline of Claim 1, wherein said segmented retaining wall is formed from a rigid, corrugated material.

3. The in-ground trampoline of Claim 2, wherein said rigid, corrugated material is selected from the group consisting of metals, metal alloys, plastics, fiber-reinforced plastics, cellulose fiber and cement substrates, non-cementitious substrates, cementitious substrates, ferro-cements, fiberglass, carbon-fiber substrates, and vinyl substrates.

4. The in-ground trampoline of Claim 1, wherein said segmented retaining wall is formed from a rigid, non-corrugated material.

5. The in-ground trampoline of Claim 4, wherein said rigid, non-corrugated material is selected from the group

consisting of metals, metal alloys, plastics, fiber-reinforced plastics, cellulose fiber and cement substrates, non-cementitious substrates, cementitious substrates, ferro-cements, fiberglass, carbon-fiber substrates, and vinyl substrates.

6. The in-ground trampoline of Claim 1, further comprising at least one support ring removably secured to, and in supportive association with, said segmented retaining wall.

7. The in-ground trampoline of Claim 6, wherein said at least one support ring is selected from the group consisting of segmented support rings and non-segmented support rings.

8. The in-ground trampoline of Claim 6, wherein said at least one support ring is adapted to removably and securely receive a plurality of tensional supports, said tensional supports secured to the periphery of a trampoline mat for the tensioned support of same within said at least one support ring.

9. The in-ground trampoline of Claim 1, wherein said retaining wall is bottomless.

10. The in-ground trampoline of Claim 1, wherein said segmented retaining wall is positioned within a recessed area selected from the group consisting of earthen pits, basins, ditches, indoor recessed areas, and outdoor recessed areas.

11. The in-ground trampoline of Claim 10, wherein said segmented retaining wall is positioned adjacent to, and in contact with, inner walls of said recessed area.

12. The in-ground trampoline of Claim 10, wherein said segmented retaining wall is shaped and configured to provide said in-ground trampoline with a shape selected from the group consisting of circles, squares, rectangles, ovals, diamonds, hexagons, octagons, other polygons, and other geometric shapes.

13. The in-ground trampoline of Claim 10, wherein said segmented retaining wall is adapted to receive an above-

ground trampoline to effectuate a ground level jumping surface.

14. The in-ground trampoline of Claim 1, further comprising safety nets.

15. The in-ground trampoline of Claim 1, further comprising safety padding.

16. An in-ground trampoline for use above-ground, said in-ground trampoline comprising:

an outer retaining wall for precluding entry of objects, people and animals therepast and under a trampoline mat tensionally-supported therewithin.

17. An apparatus for providing a ground level jumping surface positioned over a recessed area, said apparatus comprising:

a bottomless retaining wall positionable within the recessed area.

18. The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein said bottomless retaining wall is segmented.

19. The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein said bottomless retaining wall is formed from a rigid, corrugated material.

20. The apparatus of Claim 19, wherein said rigid, corrugated material is selected from the group consisting of metals, metal alloys, plastics, fiber-reinforced plastics, cellulose fiber and cement substrates, non-cementitious substrates, cementitious substrates, ferro-cements, fiberglass, carbon-fiber substrates, and vinyl substrates.

21. The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein said bottomless retaining wall is formed from a rigid, non-corrugated material.

22. The apparatus of Claim 21, wherein said rigid, non-corrugated material is selected from the group consisting of metals, metal alloys, plastics, fiber-reinforced plastics, cellulose fiber and cement substrates, non-cementitious substrates, cementitious substrates, ferro-cements, fiberglass, carbon-fiber substrates, and vinyl substrates.

~~23~~. The apparatus of Claim 17, further comprising at least one support ring removably secured to, and in supportive association with, said bottomless retaining wall.

~~24~~. The apparatus of Claim 23, wherein said at least one support ring is selected from the group consisting of segmented support rings and non-segmented support rings.

~~25~~. The apparatus of Claim 23, wherein said at least one support ring is adapted to removably and securely receive a plurality of tensional supports, said tensional supports secured to the periphery of a trampoline mat for the tensioned support of same within said at least one support ring.

~~26~~. The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein said bottomless retaining wall is positioned adjacent to, and in contact with, inner walls of the recessed area.

~~27~~. The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein said bottomless retaining wall is shaped and configured to provide said ground level jumping surface with a shape selected from the group consisting of circles, squares, rectangles, ovals,

diamonds, hexagons, octagons, other polygons, and other geometric shapes.

28. The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein said bottomless retaining wall is adapted to receive an above-ground trampoline to effectuate said ground level jumping surface.

29. The apparatus of Claim 17, further comprising safety nets.

30. The apparatus of Claim 17, further comprising safety padding.

31. A method of implementing a ground level jumping surface, comprising the steps of:

a. obtaining a bottomless retaining wall

b. positioning said bottomless retaining wall within a recessed area.

32. The method of Claim 31, wherein said bottomless retaining wall is segmented.

33. The method of Claim 31, further comprising the step of tensioning a trampoline mat within said bottomless retaining wall.

34. The method of Claim 31, further comprising the step of tensioning a trampoline mat over said bottomless retaining wall.

35. The method of Claim 31, further comprising the step of placing a tensionally supported trampoline mat within said bottomless retaining wall.

36. The method of Claim 31, further comprising the step of placing a tensionally supported trampoline mat over said bottomless retaining wall.

37. The method of Claim 31, further comprising the step of placing and flushly seating an above ground trampoline within said bottomless retaining wall.

38. The method of Claim 31, further comprising the step of placing and flushly seating an above ground trampoline within said bottomless retaining wall.

38. The method of Claim 31, wherein said bottomless retaining wall tensionally supports a trampoline mat.

39. An apparatus for providing a ground level jumping surface positioned over a recessed area, said apparatus comprising:

a retaining wall selected from the group consisting of retaining walls comprising a plurality of throughholes formed around the upper peripheral edge thereof for facilitating engagement of tensional supports thereto, multiple overlapping retaining walls, multiple overlapping segmented retaining walls, non-segmented retaining walls, non-segmented bottomless retaining walls, retaining walls formed from a plurality of piping, retaining walls formed from a plurality of corrugated piping, retaining walls formed from a plurality of non-corrugated piping, truncated conical-shaped retaining walls, bottomless truncated conical-shaped retaining walls, closed-bottom truncated conical-shaped retaining walls, parabolic-shaped retaining walls, bottomless parabolic-shaped retaining walls, closed-bottom parabolic-shaped retaining walls, bowl-shaped

retaining walls, bottomless bowl-shaped retaining walls, and closed-bottom bowl-shaped retaining walls.

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